Announcements of

Foreign Investment in U.S. Manufacturing Industries

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Domicile of Foreign Company	Firm(s) Undertaking Investment	Description
		FOOD AND RELATED PRODUCTS
Australia	Life Savers Australiasia Ltd.	Prime of Hawaii, U.S. affiliate of Life Savers, will produce fruit juice in a $1.5 million facility at Honolulu, Hawaii.
France	General Biscuit	Acquired Mother's Cake and Cookie Co., an Oakland, California producer of cookies. Mother's has annual sales of about $80 million and employs about 800 people.
France	Storione Group	Opened a bakery in Las Vegas, Nevada. About 50 people will be employed.
Germany	Berhorster-Fleischwerk	Westphanen Hams, U.S. affiliate of Berhorster, will build a 5,000 sq. ft. plant in Hernando County, Florida to produce hams. About 10 people will be employed.
Japan	Nakano Vinegar Co.	Acquired the vinegar division of The Merit Group. Purchase price was about $400,000.
Spain	Freixenet	Bought 160 acres of land near Sonoma, California and will produce champagne.
United Kingdom	Allied-Lyons	Baskin-Robbins, U.S. affiliate of Allied-Lyons, acquired ice cream factories and related territorial franchises in Arizona and Michigan.
United Kingdom	Rowntree Mackintosh PLC	Acquired the Tom's Food snack-division of General Mills for $215 million.
		TEXTILES
Japan	Dianippon Ink & Chemical Co. Ltd.	Will build a $6.4 million plant near Los Angeles, California to produce nonwoven floor mats.
		APPAREL
Austria	Geiger	Will expand it's women's clothing plant at Middlebury, Vermont by 44,600 sq. ft. Employment will rise from 20 to 70 people.
		FURNITURE
Canada	Manuchair Industries	Will produce office furniture in a 60,000 sq. ft. plant at Buffalo, New York. Twenty-one people will be employed initially.
		PAPER
Canada	Cascades Industries Ltd.	Will reopen and modernize a paper mill at Rockingham, North Carolina at a cost of $6 million.
Germany	Schroter & Bake	Formed a joint venture with Schiffenhaus Industries and will produce corrugated in-store displays at a plant at Fairfield, New Jersey.
United Kingdom	British American Tobacco	Appleton Papers Inc., U.S. unit of British American, will spend $22.5 million to expand its plant at Combined Locks, Wisconsin.
		PRINTING AND PUBLISHING
United Kingdom	Reed International	Acquired Fischer Medical Publications, a publisher of journals for the medical profession.
		CHEMICALS
Belgium	Petrofina SA	Cosden Oil & Chemical, U.S. affiliate of Petrofina, will relocate its polystryrene plant from Orange, California to Caryville, Louisiana.
Germany	BASF	BASF America Corp. will build a $1,000,000 plant at Freeport, Texas to produce chemicals used in coatings and other products.
Sweden	AGA AB	AGA Gas Inc. will open a $22 million industrial gas plant at Canton, Ohio.
Sweden	KemaNobel	Will acquire the sodium chlorate plant of Occidental Chemical located at Columbus, Mississippi.
Switzerland	Sandoz Ltd.	Will add 18,000 sq. ft. to its pigment plant at Charlotte, North Carolina.
		REFINING
United Kingdom	British Petroleum	Sohio Chemical, U.S. affiliate of BP, will build a 115 million gal./year benezine plant at its refinery in Lima, Ohio.
		RUBBER AND MISC. PLASTICS
Canada	Victor Podd	Powertex, owned by Mr. Podd and located in Vermont, will relocate to a plant to be constructed at Rouses Point, New York. Powertex produces plastic liners for ocean shipping containers.
Ecuador	Qualiplastics International	Will build a plant at Garden City, Georgia to produce low density polyethylene film and flexible packaging material. About 30 people will be employed.
France	Grosfillex	Will build a $1 million plant in Berks County, Pennsylvania to produce plastic doors. About fifty people will be employed.
Italy	Goglio Luigi Milano	Will build a $6 million plant at West Rockhill Township, Pennsylvania to produce packaging material. About 35 people will be employed initially.

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Japan	Mitsubishi Corp.	Bought two plastic pipe producing plants in Nebraska and Texas for about $7 million from Gifford-Hill and Co.
Netherlands	Rimform	Acquired a 14,000 sq. ft. building at Grand Haven, Michigan and will mold polyurethane materials. Twenty-five people will be employed.
Switzerland	Ciba-Geigy Ltd.	Will spend $20 million to expand its plant at McIntosh, Alabama that produces ultraviolet light absorbers used in plastics and coatings.
United Kingdom	The Charterhouse Group PLC	Acquired Richdel Inc., a producer of automatic plastic valves for sprinkler systems. Richdel has facilities in Navada and Texas, annual sales of about $18 million and employs about 400 people.
		STOVE, CLAY AND GLASS
Germany	Pfleiderer Consulting GmbH	Formed a joint venture with Sherman Industries Inc. and will build a $1.5 million plant at Tuscaloosa, Alabama to produce concrete utility poles. Twenty people will be employed initially.
Italy	Cisa	Cisa America will build a $10 million plant near Macon, Georgia to produce clay tiles. About 75 people will be employed.
Netherlands	Hunter Douglas N.V.	Has leased 96,000 sq. ft. of space at Maywood, New Jersey to produce tile.
United Kingdom, Switzerland	Blue Circle Industries, Cementia Holdings AG	Acquired four cement plants of Martin Marietta for roughly $150 million. The plants are in Iowa, Georgia, Alabama and Oklahoma.
		PRIMARY METALS
Canada	Victor Podd	Powercast Inc., owned by Mr. Podd and now located in Montreal, will relocate to a plant that will be built at Rouses Point, New York. Powercast makes aluminum castings for street lights and will employ 12-20 people.
Germany	Vereinigte Aluminum-Werke	Will spend $1.8 million to expand its aluminum extruding facility at St. Augustine, Florida. Thirty jobs will be added.
Japan	Tokyo Rope	ATR Wire & Cable Co., owned by Tokyo Rope and two other Japanese firms, will spend $25 million to expand its plant at Danville, Kentucky that produces steel wire used in automobile tires. Two hundred workers will be added.
Sweden	Boilden Metech	Acquired the precious metals reclamation business of Refinement International, Inc. Facilities are located in California and Rhode Island; purchase price was about $8 million.
United Kingdom	Rio Tinto Zinc	U.S. Borax & Chemical Co., will build a $50 million molybdenum refinery at Grays Harbor, Washington. Over 100 people will be employed.
		FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS
Belgium	Dovre N.V.	Dovre Inc. has purchased a 34,000 sq. ft. plant at Aurora, Illinois and will produce cast iron fireplaces. About 50 people will be employed.
Canada, Spain	Solartech Ltd., Solar Science Corp.	In a joint venture with Owens-Illinois, the two companies acquired Sommaster Corp., an Elmira, New York producer of solar heating and air conditioning devices.
France	Pechiney Ugine Kuhlmann	Howmet Aluminum, a U.S. subsidiary of Pechiney, is building a $3.6 million plant at Terrell, Texas to produce architectural aluminum.
Germany	Behr	Behr of America announced a $2.5 million expansion of its heat exchanger production facility at Fort Worth, Texas. Thirteen employees will be added.
Germany	Lautenschlager KG	Mepla Furniture Fittings Inc., U.S. affiliate of Lautenschlager, announced a 10,000+ sq. ft. expansion of the hinge producing factory at High Point, North Carolina.
Japan	Sumitomo	Acquired Tube Turns Inc., a Kentucky-based producer of welded fittings and forgings, for an estimated $15 million. Tube Turns employs about 500 people and was a division of Allegheny, International.
Sweden	Gotaverken Angtenik AB	Gotaverken Energy Systems Inc. will open a facility at Charlotte, North Carolina to produce chemical recovery boilers.
United Kingdom	Dowty Group	Acquired Owens Mfg. Co., a Bristol, Virginia producer of conveyor belts.
		NONELECTRICAL MACHINERY
Belgium	Diamant Boart	Diamant Boart USA will produce diamond drill bits for the oil industry in a 21,500 sq. ft. facility at Conroe, Texas. Ten people will be employed.
Canada	RMH Automation, Ltd.	Will invest $170,000 in a building in Dodge County, Wisconsin and produce industrial machinery. Five people will be employed.
Switzerland	Oerlikon-Buhrle	Will spend $5 million+ to acquire and build new facilities at Nashua, New Hampshire to produce pumps and vacuum systems.
United Kingdom	Printmatters Ltd.	Will build a 25,000 computer typesetting facility at Orlando, Florida. Thirty people will be employed initially.
United Kingdom	Hall Holdings PLC	Will build a 33,000 sq. ft. plant in Rowan County, Kentucky to produce machinery for the coal industry.
United Kingdom	Powell Duffryn	Acquired Hiller Investments, a manufacturer of fire protection equipment, for $22 million.
United Kingdom	Rodime	Will build a $5 million+ plant at Boca Raton, Florida to produce parts for micro computers. About 200 people will be employed.

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		ELECTRICAL MACHINERY
Canada	Mitel Ltd.	Mitel Corp. will build a $25 million+ plant at Morrison, Colorado to produce telecommunications equipment. Over 500 people will be employed.
Japan	Mitsubishi	Will spend $410,000 to expand its television plant at Santa Ana, California.
Japan	Oki Denki Kogyo KK	Oki Electric Co. will build a plant at Atlanta, Georgia to produce mobile radio telephones. Fifty people will be employed.
Japan	Sony	Formed a joint venture with CBS and will produce digital audio discs at a plant in Terre Haute, Indiana. CBS Sony Inc. will spend $21 million to renovate the plant.
Japan	Union Tool Co.	Will build a $1 million plant at Los Angeles to produce printed circuit board drills. Eighty people will be employed.
United Kingdom	Dubilier	Acquired Automatic Connector Inc., a Commack, New York producer of cable assemblies, fiber optic connectors and other products, for about $6 million. Automatic employs about 250 people.
United Kingdom	GEI Packaging Corp. Ltd.	Acquired Metramatic Corp., a Landing, New Jersey producer of metal detectors and other products.
		TRANSPORTATION EQUIPMENT
Canada	Ontario Locomotive and Industrial Railway Supply Co.	Will invest $250,000 in a facility at Niagara Falls, New York and will rebuild and repair locomotives. About 12 people will be employed.
Norway	Harding A/S	Will build fiberglass lifeboats and rescue craft in a facility at Mobile, Alabama. Employment will be 10-15 people.
Sweden	Saab-Scania	Will invest $6.6 million in a facility at Orange, Connecticut and will assemble buses.
United Kingdom	Guest, Keen and Nettlefolds	GKN Automotive Co. will spend $25 million to build a precision forming facility at its plant in Sanford, North Carolina. About 75 workers will be added.
		INSTRUMENTS
Canada	Foundation Instruments	Will produce fiber optic devices in a newly acquired facility at Dexter, N.Y.
Germany	Optische Werke G. Rodenstock	Rodenstock Corp. announced a $500,000 expansion of its eyeglass plant at Yuaco, Puerto Rico. About 50 workers will be added.
Japan	Fujitsu Co. Ltd.	Will build a plant at Dallas, Texas to produce fiber optic communication equipment.
Japan	Watanabe Instruments	Will produce recorders and plotting instruments in a newly constucted plant at Irvine, California.
		MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURING
Canada	Maska	Announced a $350,000 expansion of its Bradford, Vermont plant which produces hockey equipment and sportswear.
Canada	Pearson Forest Products	Paid $1 million+ for a plant in Vermont and will produce hockey sticks.
Denmark	Schurpack	Will produce food industry packaging items at St. Joseph, Missouri. About 40 people will be employed.
Japan	Pilot Pen	Will build a plant at Trumbull, Connecticut to produce ballpoint pens.
Switzerland	Gemofi	Will build a $1 million plant in Rhode Island to produce soap dispensers. Twenty-five people will be employed.
Taiwan	Formosa Plastics	Acquired pipe-making plants of Johns-Manville Corp. located in California, Oregon, Colorado, Texas, Iowa, Pennsylvania, Florida and North Carolina. The plants employ about 1,000 people.

Note: Spending and employment figures given when available. The anticipated spending for plant construction and expansion listed above is expected to be realized when these projects are completed, not during the second quarter of 1983 when plans to undertake the investments were announced. Every effort has been made to make the information in the above table accurate, but complete coverage of all foreign investment activity is not guaranteed.

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